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Sir:

Further to the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed March 13, 2008 and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner an English language translation of a Chinese Office Action mailed March 27, 2009 in Chinese Application 200480039486.4, which is the Chinese family member of the present application, along with the following document cited therein, which has not previously been provided to the Office in this application:

(1) CN1101310C.

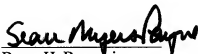
Applicants also provide herewith the following document, which is an English language family member of document (1) above:

(2) WO 98/25758.

Applicants note that since this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of an Office Action on the merits, Applicants certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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